



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

21 February 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, WARFARE AND  
REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS (N7)

Subj: DESIGNATION AS DIRECTOR OF FORCENET

1. The Quadrennial Defense Review of 30 September 2001 presents challenges to the Services include transforming to a fully netted force with the agility and lethality to counter and dominate future threats. Strategic Studies Groups (SSG) XVIII, XIX, and XX made considerable progress in defining and delineating the fully netted force which, with the integration of the Warfighter, has been termed FORCEnet.
2. It is my intent that the pursuit of FORCEnet provide the catalyst for a necessary transformation of the Navy while maintaining maximum combat capability for Naval Forces. To this end, I designate you as the Navy's leader and coordinator for FORCEnet development, hereafter referred to as Director of FORCEnet. Your responsibilities will include:
  - a. Lead FORCEnet efforts in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), drawing on support from the Office of Naval Research (ONR), the Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC), the System Commands (SYSCOMS), other Services, and the Office of the Director, Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).
  - b. Define FORCEnet requirements and resources including options for acceleration of FORCEnet, to include the building of FORCEnet "blueprints" and Sponsor's Programmatic Plan of Action.
  - c. Maintain close liaison with Commander Fleet Forces Command (CFFC) to ensure proper representation and prioritization of fleet requirements.
  - d. Maintain direct liaison with NWDC to ensure an innovative experimentation program for FORCEnet development.

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3. I am confident that FORCENet will provide the Navy a catalyst for transformation, while providing our Sailors and Marines the means to conduct combat operations with agility and lethality.

  
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